

EXTRACTS

19 November 1945

"Things of most importance are that the two Navy linguists finished their screening at Yokosuka and shipped out on the South Bend Victory, (A Liberty Ship) 29 mail sacks from Yokosuka Naval Base numbered "YOKO 1 thru 29" and 36 mail sacks from Yokosuka Marine Air Base numbered "MAR AIR, 1 thru 36". They went out on Saturday 17 November 1945.

An index or shipping advice is now being mimeographed and will be forwarded within a day or two. REIERSTAD feels there is no necessity for showing what documents are in what sacks so this index will show only what is in the 65 sacks. I cannot quite agree with him and feel that it would require only very little additional labor to designate what documents are in what bags. However in all fairness we must remember that he used only 2 men at Yokosuka. I base our opinion on our experience at Kokubunji where we went thru a large Army Experimental Station. At that place we collected 55 crates of various sizes and numbered them and will show on our shipping advices the documents present in each case. These have not as yet been shipped but we contemplate sending them out on Thursday, 22 November)

17 November 1945

It has occurred to me that present WDC, Washington, disposition of documents should be looked into before the shipments arrive from Tokyo. Although the WDC library is still in the realm of discourse, I think that disposition of documents should be controlled by the likelihood of its ultimate materialization. For instance while I was still at Ritchie, WDC was sending all periodicals, newspapers, belletristic items to Inter-departmental Committee. I feel that if a centralized library should ever come into being, it might be wise to hold onto such items. Within the next few days, I am sending an almost complete file of a periodical on which I have been working. WDC Library will not be served if that file is routed to Inter-departmental Committee. I think that a strict control on routing of documents at WDC should be maintained. With but a few exceptions most documents shipped from Japan are selected for the WDC library to be.

21 November 1945

Today marks the completion of our first big job. 53 boxes of documents from two adjacent sites, Kokubunji Experimental stations and the Intendence School were turned over to Navy Freight at Yokosuka this evening.

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We are forwarding to PACMIRS and WDC several copies of the Shipping Advices covering each shipment we send out.

Commander Reierstad has a commendable interest in the naval end of the activity.

25 November 1945

Research which we thought would be done in the States is now going to be performed here. This, I am afraid is going to involve our documents in considerable delay. I know from experience that the feather merchants do not have a defined interest, nor a defined problem, but want all the information that is even remotely related to their field.

We have advices ready on 5 separate shipments. They shall go out as soon as ATIS releases them.

26 November 1945

It has been increasingly apparent to me that lines demarcating functions of sections must be drawn very fine, because the job here is going to be a big one - much bigger than anticipated.

Theater interests in documents have been extended beyond the "security and control" category to include any document that may pertain to the field of research or investigation in progress here. The Services do not contemplate long term research in Washington, but rather plan to perform their studies here with the aid of Japanese technicians and Japanese military specialists. As a consequence our shipments must be cleared by WDIIT before documents can be evacuated to the States. We felt at first, you will recall, that a very few documents will have to be microfilmed and originals kept for local exploitation. As more and more teams report for duty and more and more investigations are planned it will be necessary to make documents available to them for their studies.

Upon arrival of a shipment to the warehouse, we shall issue Shipping Advices with a covering letter informing the agencies that the documents listed are to be held for a period of two weeks and will then be evacuated to the States. We shall keep requests for microfilming down to a reasonable minimum.

The Acquisition Section has been quite active and channels have been established now which will enable Major McFarlane and Lt Tsukahira to pitch right in and carry on.

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The Provost Marshall's Office turned over to me a letter from Luther H. Evans, Librarian of Congress, in which Library of Congress's interests in books, pamphlets, periodicals, maps, musics, and prints are mentioned. We have also had turned over to us a letter from "Mathematical Reviews", Brown University in which mathematical and scientific journals are listed.

Shipping Advices Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 10001, and 10002 will be forwarded shortly. Shipping Advices numbered from 1-5000 pertain to documents from 8th Army area, 5001-10,000 to 6th Army Area, and 10001 to documents derived from miscellaneous sources which have got to ATIS, or to WDC".
